

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-6 and claim 15.

Please amend the claims to read as follows.

7. A roll for dewatering a web in a paper or board machine comprising:  
a roll mantle having an outer surface;  
a plurality of openings extending at least partially into said outer surface of said roll mantle, each of said openings being spaced from an adjacent one of said openings to define a space there between; and  
a plurality of recesses formed in the outer surface of said roll mantle for connecting each opening with at least another one opening adjacent to said opening to thereby permit a flow to travel between said openings.
9. The roll according to claim 7, wherein said plurality of recesses comprises a first groove for interconnecting a first group of selected openings of said plurality of openings and a second groove for interconnecting a second group of selected openings of said plurality of openings.
10. The roll according to claim 9, wherein said first groove is structured and arranged to extend in a first direction and said second groove is structured and arranged to extend in a second direction which is orthogonal with respect to said first direction.

11. The roll according to claim 9, further comprising a plurality of support points for supporting a wire, said support points being arranged between adjacent ones of said plurality of openings.

13. The roll according to claim 9, wherein said grooves and said plurality of openings cooperate to define support points arranged in spaces defined between said grooves and said plurality of openings.

14. The roll according to claim 7, wherein said recesses for connecting each opening with at least another one opening adjacent to said opening comprises a plurality of circular grooves arranged in said outer surface, each one of said circular grooves being arranged to encircle a respective one of said plurality of openings and wherein a circular groove encircling one opening is arranged to extend over each adjacent opening.

Please add new claims 16-20 as follows.

16. The roll according to claim 7, wherein said recesses for connecting each opening with at least another one opening adjacent to said opening comprises a plurality of blind-drilled bores.

17. The roll according to claim 7, wherein said openings comprises bores extending through said roll mantle.

18. The roll according to claim 7, wherein said openings comprises bores extending through said roll mantle, said bores being provided with countersinks in the outer surface of the roll mantle.

19. The roll according to claim 7, wherein said openings comprises blind-drilled bores extending into the outer surface of said roll mantle.

20. The roll according to claim 7, wherein said openings comprises blind-drilled bores extending into the outer surface of said roll mantle, said blind-drilled bores being provided with countersinks in the outer surface of the roll mantle.

*Marked-up version of the claims as amended.*

7. A roll for dewatering a web in a paper or board machine comprising:
  - a roll mantle having an outer surface;
  - a plurality of [bores] openings extending at least partially into [through] said outer surface of said roll mantle, each of said [bores] openings being spaced from an adjacent one of said [bores] openings to define a space there between; and
  - a plurality of recesses formed in the outer surface of said roll mantle for connecting each [bore] opening with at least another one [bore] opening adjacent to said [bore] opening to thereby permit a flow to travel between said [bores] openings.
9. The roll according to claim 7, wherein said plurality of recesses comprises a first groove for interconnecting a first group of selected [bores] openings of said plurality of [bores] openings and a second groove for interconnecting a second group of selected [bores] openings of said plurality of [bores] openings.
10. The roll according to claim [8] 2, wherein said first groove is structured and arranged to extend in a first direction and said second groove is structured and arranged to extend in a second direction which is orthogonal with respect to said first direction.

11. The roll according to claim 9, further comprising a plurality of support points for supporting a wire, said support points being arranged between adjacent ones of said plurality of [bores] openings.

13. The roll according to claim 9, wherein said grooves and said plurality of [bores] openings cooperate to define support points arranged in spaces defined between said grooves and said plurality of [bores] openings.

14. The roll according to claim 7, wherein said recesses for connecting each [bore] opening with at least another one [bore] opening adjacent to said [bore] opening comprises a plurality of circular grooves arranged in said outer surface, each one of said circular grooves being arranged to encircle a respective one of said plurality of [bores] openings and wherein a circular groove encircling one [bore] opening is arranged to extend over each adjacent [bore] opening.